

APPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 28, 2010

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Commissioners Fort, Harp, Lord-Hausman, Kirola, Moore and Warren.

Absent: Vice-Chair Tam.

2. MINUTES

The May 24, 2010 minutes were approved with changes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Accessible Housing Development (Commissioner Lord-Hausman):

Commissioner Lord-Hausman discussed the issue of housing development in Alameda and the lack of accessibility for those with disabilities and seniors. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that she visited the new home developments at Warmington along the estuary, and discovered that none of the homes were accessible and Commissioner Lord-Hausman would like the CDI to respond to the lack of accessible single-level homes. Commissioner Lord-Hausman went to the Planning Board as a citizen to discuss the oversight of accessible homes. She is now proposing the CDI write a letter to the Council to develop a policy regarding inclusion of the CDI and new development. Commissioner Harp stated that the City of Fremont has developed an Accessible Universal Design Ordinance similar to what Commissioner Lord-Hausman is suggesting.

Secretary Akil informed the CDI that any policy would have to be run by the City Attorney for legal review and clarification on any existing policies. The CDI fully supported moving the issue forward.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. **CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold):**

Chair Krongold provided a recap of the plans and goals to date.

Commissioner Warren distributed a draft proposal regarding the film, possible art exhibit and the cost analysis.

Chair Krongold asked Commissioner Warren if she felt optimistic about getting it done by October to which Commissioner Warren replied yes.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman thinks it is an amazing idea and that we should use talent from within Alameda. However, since this is an election year, this project should occur in the spring time.

Commissioner Warren replied that perhaps the individual may benefit from name recognition during this election year.

Commissioner Harp stated that she has concerns about the goal, raising awareness and using a non-disabled person to be the lead role in a film about having a disability.

Commissioner Warren replied that it is goal-oriented, raises awareness of hidden disabilities and it is a good idea to have someone who is not disabled, and could become a strong advocate of disability issues.

Commissioner Kirola agreed that it does raise awareness of both hidden and apparent physical disabilities.

Chair Krongold suggested that this is an excellent idea and supported holding the event in the Spring.

Commissioner Moore suggested having it at the Rhythmix Cultural Center.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman discussed the event she had suggested regarding an accessible design panel, with a variety of individuals, to be held on a Saturday during October, Disability Awareness Month. Commissioner Lord-Hausman requested that the CDI make recommendations regarding speakers during the August meeting. Commissioner Kirola would like a talented and gifted individual who can speak to accessible designs. Commissioner Lord-Hausman acknowledged that this panel could happen another time in light of the election during November.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman also suggested the tree planting event to which Commissioner

Moore agreed to take the lead.

Chair Krongold discussed her event regarding accessible exercise during Disability Awareness Month that includes an effort to get local businesses involved such as Rhythmix Cultural Works. The event would include dance and exercise and it would be free to the public

Commissioner Lord-Hausman asked if there is enough space for each exercise class to which Chair Krongold replied that each class would happen at different times and different locations during the month of October.

Commissioner Harp suggested checking with Alameda Recreation and Park Department, to which Commissioner Lord-Hausman replied that the Alameda Recreation and Park Department is actively involved in a number of activities and programs involving people with special needs.

Chair Krongold advised the CDI of the September 7, 2010 Council presentation and read a draft letter which will be submitted to various newspapers.

As part of the final discussion and recommendation for the Vision Planning effort, the CDI agreed to have the tree planting on Saturday, October 16th, 2010, and accessible exercise classes during Disability Awareness Month (including a Chair Dancing program on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Main Library from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.).

Chair Krongold suggested that Commissioner Warren form a work group for the film event and plan that over the next 6-12 months.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman suggested having the accessible panel at a later date.

5-B. **Paratransit Advisory Planning Committee (PAPCO) (Commissioner Lord-Hausman):**

Commissioner Lord-Hausman provided the CDI with the ACTIA website www.actia2022.com. PAPCO and ACTIA are having their Seventh Annual Senior and Disabled Mobility Workshop on Friday, July 30th, 2010 and provided the CDI with a flier for more information.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 6-A. Secretary Akil informed the Commission that she and Chair Krongold had met to discuss the ADA/CDI Webpage and would provide the CDI with updated information for the July meeting.
- 6-B. Secretary Akil discussed the ADA Complaint received against the Alameda Recreation and

Park Department for allegedly not allowing an autistic child to enter the summer programs following problems and complaints during the Recreational After school Program (RAP). Secretary Akil, in her role as ADA Coordinator stated that the complaint was fully investigated, including interviews with both AUSD and the Regional Center and a formal response letter had been forwarded to the father. The CDI received the information and appreciated being informed on the matter.

Commissioner Moore suggested that the a highly structured program that deals with behavior issues is the only way an autistic child can be successful in a summer or RAP program. Secretary Akil suggested that Commissioner Moore follow up with Patrick Russi, AR&PD to discuss her suggestions. Commissioner Lord-Hausman suggested inviting Mr. Russi to a future meeting.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7-A. Commissioner Harp distributed a flier regarding the City of Hayward ADA 20th Anniversary sponsored by the Community Resources for Independent Living.
- 7-B. Commissioner Moore announced that the Autism Second Sunday film event at the Multi-cultural Center was successful.
- 7-C. Commissioner Moore stated that she is looking for volunteers for her son's play-based behavior training program and invited any input from the Commission or anyone with suggestions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary